

COL. H. B. HACKETT COMES BACK HERO

Philadelphia Officer Lost Part of Jaw by German Shell

LAUDS U. S. ARTILLERY

Former West Point Star Athlete Also Praises Work of Red Cross



COLONEL HORATIO B. HACKETT West Point athlete who preferred engineering to peace-time soldiering, but answered the call as soon as real action was promised. He has just returned from overseas. Colonel Hackett lives at 2220 East Cumberland street.

Colonel Horatio B. Hackett, 2220 East Cumberland street, has arrived in the United States after service along several fronts with artillery units.

But ten of his teeth and part of his jaw remain in France, toll taken by a German explosive shell at the Argonne. At that time the American artillery was but 500 yards behind the advanced line of infantry.

The American artillery certainly came through in grand style, he said after landing in New York from the transport Rotterdam yesterday. "Why, even using the French 75, great guns but ones to which our men were unaccustomed, they handled themselves like veterans at all times, and their record is certainly one to compare favorably with that of any other Allied artillery force."

Praise for Red Cross The colonel speaks highly of the work done by the American Red Cross. He spent several weeks in such a hospital recovering from the injuries to his jaw and his arm, and some of which were inflicted by the same shell.

He is the son of the late Horatio B. Hackett, one time Register of the Will, state senator, magistrate and a Republican leader in the Kensington district.

The colonel has the reputation of being one of the greatest athletes ever graduated from West Point. During his four-year term at the academy he earned the varsity "A" twelve times, four times in football, four times in baseball and twice each on the track and at hockey. When he was graduated fellow students presented him with a handsome sword.

Army life in peace times did not appeal to the young man, so he resigned and took the civil engineering course at the University of Pennsylvania, but as soon as the war began he quit his position as an engineer and offered his services to the Adjutant General at Harrisburg. He was tendered a commission as second lieutenant, but turned it down and went to Illinois, where he was given a colonel's commission.

Others who arrived on the Rotterdam were Lieutenant Joseph L. Carl, Broad and Mohr streets; Major Keller Hooley, marine corps, 4632 Walnut street, and Lieutenant James A. Buchanan, of the University of Pennsylvania.

Lieutenant Guy H. E. Fuld, of Tacoma, was the remaining Philadelphian who arrived on the Rotterdam. Major George C. Heyward, Jr., 322 Springfield avenue, Chestnut Hill, returned to New York on board the Dante Alighieri yesterday.

Sorry tales of the fate of Americans who were forced to remain in Turkey during the war were brought to this country by men and officers of the United States converted yacht squadron, who were interned during the war in Turkey. They arrived in New York yesterday.

Lieutenant J. P. Huddleton, of this city, was among the officers.

ANTI-LIQUOR TALK

Seven Hundred Attend Meeting in West Philadelphia Church

Seven hundred persons last night attended a mass-meeting held under the auspices of the Philadelphia district, Pennsylvania Anti-Saloon League in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Fifth and Baltimore avenues.

Clinton N. Howard, of Rochester, N. Y., delivered an address in which he predicted a better era for America with the banishment of liquor.

U. S. RIFLEMEN GASSED SHOOTING TANKS AT SEA

Wind Blows Poisonous Fumes Upon Them From Jettisoned Cargo, Off Atlantic Coast, That Had Been Sent From Baltimore for Sinking

By the Associated Press Baltimore, Md., Feb. 18.—Word has reached here that several expert riflemen were gassed off the Atlantic coast last week while shooting holes in gas tanks which failed to sink when thrown overboard from the United States steamer city Elmer. The Elmer sailed from this port a week ago with 2600 tons of poisonous gases. The crew and a number of soldiers from Edgewood Arsenal discharged the cargo in about sixty hours, a storm warning causing them to finish work without rest, while the sea was calm.

The freighter was loaded with tanks of phosgene, mustard, tear and special gases, sufficient, it is said, to wipe out an entire army. The cases of shells loaded with gas went to the bottom without any trouble, but a number of the tanks refused to go down and "pop shots" were taken at them by the marksmen. After shooting holes in a number of these the gunners took off their masks and a wind swept the fumes across the deck. Physicians, however, revived the men affected and no fatal effects are feared.

Most of the gas was manufactured at Edgewood Arsenal and some of it was in France when the armistice was signed. The Elmer brought a quantity to Baltimore recently and more was placed aboard. Just what should be done with the gas was a problem, as it was considered too dangerous to store. Every man on board was equipped with a gasmask. It was said that the tanks and cases will not interfere with shipping.

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SEATTLE STRIKE IN PIEZ'S HANDS

Fleet Head Will Take Responsibility for Settling Trouble

SHIPBUILDERS AGREE

Appoints Board of Three to Adjust Dispute With 25,000 Workers

By the Associated Press Seattle, Feb. 18.—Charles Piez, director general of the United States Emergency Fleet Corporation, apparently has taken control of the strike situation here from the hands of the shipbuilders, and a board of three men appointed by him will attempt to settle the dispute between employers and the 25,000 union workers in the shipyards who have been on strike since January 21 last.

A telegram from Mr. Piez to the shipbuilders said: "Inasmuch as the Emergency Fleet Corporation has accepted and carried the responsibility of matters in Seattle I request that the builders leave the carrying out of this policy and all arrangements connected therewith in the hands of John K. Blaine, Henry McClellan and Dr. L. C. Marshall, who represent me as a committee in this matter."

This recommendation was accepted by the shipbuilders at a conference. It was learned today.

San Francisco, Feb. 18.—(By A. P.) The San Francisco Iron Trades Council today expelled from membership the San Francisco Boilermakers' Union, on a charge of insubordination in having failed to discontinue the practice of raising Saturday afternoons off after sanction for the procedure had been refused.

Seven hundred members of the Oakland Region's union, whose strike for a readjustment of the wage scale has not been sanctioned by the international organization, assured M. G. McGuire, international representative, they would return to work in shipyards today. McGuire declared that unless the other members of the Oakland union returned to work by Wednesday the charter will be finally forfeited.

FIFTY-SIX IN POLICE TEST

Many Soldiers and Sailors Among Candidates in Large Class

Fifty-six men, including many soldiers and sailors, took the examination today for patrolmen conducted by the Civil Service Commission at city hall. Shortage of police is said to be largely responsible for the many recent hold-ups and robberies.

Today's class is the largest in the last two years. Before the war these examination classes were usually attended by several hundred candidates.

U. S. SHIPPING WILL LEAD

"Merchant Marine Foremost in Year," Says Whipple

Boston, Feb. 18.—America's merchant marine will lead the commercial fleets of the world in another year, said Sherman L. Whipple, chief counsel of the shipping board, at the annual banquet last night of the Boston chapter of the American Institute of Banking.

America now has 619 ships in operation," said Mr. Whipple. "She has 1149 ships under construction. Nearly 1300 more are planned for construction, with a deadweight tonnage of 8,000,000. We shall soon have more than 3067 ships, with a total deadweight tonnage of more than 17,000,000."

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REAL SON OF REVOLUTION

John D. Lewis Observes Seventy-eighth Birthday, Though Ill

There are three men now living whose fathers fought in the Revolutionary War. One of these men is John D. Lewis, 2128 North Woodstock street.

Mr. Lewis comes of a line of fighting ancestors whom he traces back to the first colonizing days in Accomac County, Virginia, about 1600. He was born in that county himself, where the old family homestead was, in 1841. His father, grandfather JOHN D. LEWIS, fought all through the Colonial wars.

Mr. Lewis is now making his home with his son, Miles Lewis. He has one daughter, Ruth Lewis. Mr. Lewis was active as a coffee salesman in his neighborhood until about two weeks ago, when he was taken ill.

PLANS GERMANTOWN GUARD Senator Woodward to Urge N. G. P. Regiment for Section

Senator Woodward, of this city, plans to sponsor by legislation and otherwise the project of forming a regiment in the new Pennsylvania National Guard, recruited from the Germantown section of Philadelphia and nearby districts, and to induce the State to build an armory for the regiment somewhere in Germantown.

"We ought to have a regiment in that general section of the city," said Senator Woodward, "and we ought to have an armory there for it. The great question is to get the land for the armory. That has to be donated. The State will not spend money for that purpose. I intend to sound out sentiment in my district, and if it is what has been reported to me, I see in reason why we cannot go ahead and get a regiment authorized for our part of the city."

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CITY FACES DANGER OF TEACHER FAMINE

University Professor Says State Always Has Paid Them Poorly

Grave danger exists of a teacher shortage in Philadelphia next fall, according to Prof. Harlan Updegraff, of the educational administration of the University of Pennsylvania.

The statement was made by Professor Updegraff at a meeting last night of the Philadelphia Music Teachers' Association at Packer Auditorium, 1214 Chestnut street, called for the purpose of formulating plans whereby music teachers could receive more remuneration for their services.

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